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DEPUTY DIRECTOR LOW TO THE USSR

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1. VERESHCHETIN OF INTERKOSMOS INFORMED EMBOFF MAY 5 THAT ACADEMY OF SCIENCES HAS DECIDED THAT NO MORE THAN FIVE PERSONS, IN ADDITION TO 16 US TECHNICAL EXPERTS IN WORKING GROUP FOUR, MAY VISIT BAYKONUR. ACCORDING TO VERESHCHETIN, THIS DECISION WAS RECHED AFTER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR SOVIET COSMODROME. ALTHOUGH HE SAID THAT SHORTAGE OF HOTEL SPACE WAS BASIC REASON FOR LIMITING US GROUP TO 21 PERSONS, VERESHCHETIN THEN NOTED THAT, COUNTING RECENT VISIT OF US ASTRONAUTS, OVER 30 AMERICAN OFFICIALS WILL HAVE VISITED BAYKONUR BEFORE ASTP LAUNCH AND THIS CERTAINLY APPEARED TO BE A REASONABLE NUMBER. (LATTER REASON MORE ACCURANTELY REFLECTS SOVIET HESITANCE TO OPEN UP COSMODROME TO US VISITORS ON ANYTHING MORE THAN MINIMAL BASIS.)

2. PRESUMING SOVIETS WILL ADHERE TO ABOVE LIMITATION, US GROUP WOULD CONSIST OF DR. LWO, MR. FRUTKIN, GLYNN LUNNEY, 16 US TECHNICAL EXPERTS AND INTERPRETERS AND TWO ADDITIONAL OFFICIALS YET TO BE DESIGNATED. EMBASSY URGES THAT NASA
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INCLUDE EMBASSY SCIENCE COUNSELOR IN VISIT TO BAYKONUR.

3. CONCERNING DR. LOW'S PLANS BETWEEN BAYKONUR AND PRESENTATION OF THE FLIGHT READINESS REPORTS, VERESHCHETIN SAID THAT US GROUP WOULD RETURN TO MOSCOW FROM BAYKONUR LATE EVENING MAY 19. IF FLIGHT READINESS REPORTS ARE TO BE DELIVERED TO DR. LOW AND ACADEMICIAN KELDYSH ON MAY 22, DR LOW WOULD HAVE TWO DAYS BETWEEN THE ACTIVITIES. ONE HALF DAY OF THIS PERIOD WILL BE TAKEN UP BY DR. LOW'S MEETING WITH ACADEMICIAN KELDYSH. VERESHCHETIN EXPRESSED DOUBT ABOUT THE FEASIBILITY OF A SIDE TRIP BY DR. LOW TO TASHKENT OR NOVOSIBIRSK DURING THE ONE AND A HALF FEE DAYS, NOTING THAT FLYING TIME INVOLVED WOULD CALL FOR AN EXTREMELY TIGHT SCHEDULE AND ADCADEMY OF SCIENCES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A CHARTERED AIRCRAFT FOR THIS PURPOSE. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, INTERKOSMOS SUGGESTS THAT SIGHTSEEING PROGRAM IN AND AROUND MOSCOW BE ARRANGED FOR DR. LOW. PLEASE ADVISE. STOESEL

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